



Attorney Docket No. P63215US2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Noriyuki TANIMOTO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1743

Serial No.: 10/647,435

Examiner: Jill Warden

Filed: August 26, 2003

For: CLOSED-HEAT DECOMPOSING APPLIANCE, PRETREATMENT METHOD OF  
SAMPLE USING IT, ANALYTICAL METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR

### SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please enter the instant Amendment before first action on the merits.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, *infra*, contains a new (replacement) abstract and amended drawing figures.